



OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL
LORI COBOS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE & PUBLIC COUNSEL

#19-08
OPEN: August 16, 2019
CLOSE: Until Filled

Senior Managing Public Counsel
Attorney V – VI
Monthly Salary: \$8,084 - \$9,167/month
(Commensurate with Qualifications)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Senior Managing Public Counsel must have advanced, senior-level legal experience; strong ability to interpret laws, regulations, rules, and policy decisions; advanced legal writing skills; management experience; strong administrative law litigation experience, preferably in the water and wastewater or electric utility industry; strong communication and interpersonal skills, and ability to exercise independent judgement and initiative.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- Provides OPUC's Chief Executive and Public Counsel and Deputy Public Counsel with direct legal counsel.
- Assists with the management of OPUC's legal team, including reviewing legal filings prior to submission at the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT"), State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH"), and state court; working with the legal team to recommend intervention in contested case proceedings, participation in rulemaking proceedings, and appeals of PUCT decisions; and assisting the legal team with developing and executing litigation strategy.
- Assists with representation in complex administrative law litigation, including developing briefs, motions for rehearing, and other complex legal filings in contested case proceedings, and as necessary, appeals.
- Leads representation in complex rulemaking proceedings, including analyzing and interpreting existing rules; passed legislation, as applicable; and proposed rule amendments; developing comments; and representing OPUC at workshops, hearings, and open meetings at the PUCT.
- Assists with the analysis and interpretation of pending and passed legislation, including managing the legal team's analysis of pending and passed legislation.
- Analyzes and interprets state and federal law, regulations, rules, and policy decisions.

REQUIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Law degree from an accredited law school.
- Licensed to practice law in Texas, with good standing at the State Bar of Texas.
- Minimum of seven years of advanced administrative law litigation experience.

REQUIRED:

A legal writing sample will be required from candidates that are interviewed by the Chief Executive and Public Counsel.

MILITARY OCCUPATION CODES:

http://www.hr.sao.texas.gov/Compensation/MilitaryCrosswalk/MOSC_Legal.pdf

Remarks:

- Candidates invited to interview will be required to submit a transcript and/or a writing sample.
- License to practice law in Texas of the selected candidate will be verified through the State Bar of Texas.
- The position may require additional work hours including evenings, weekends, and/or holidays to meet critical deadlines.
- OPUC participates in E-verify and will provide to the Social Security Administration (SSA) and, if necessary, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), with information from each new employee's Form I-9 to confirm work authorization.
- A satisfactory driving record may be required for driving a state or personal vehicle to conduct agency business. Employees may have their driving record evaluated.
- Employees are required to comply with Office policies and provisions outlined in the employee handbook.
- The Office of Public Utility Counsel has a Post-Employment Restriction – details furnished upon request.

APPLICATION: Send State of Texas application and references to:

Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel

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